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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 3093

LIMDIS

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, MY  
SUBJ: ARREST AND POSSIBLE TRIAL OF REFUGEES

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2349 (NOTAL)

1. UNHCR REP HERE HAS INFORMED US THAT FIVE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES  
ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD BY MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES IN KUALA TRENGGANU  
AND MAY BE TRIED THIS WEEK ON CHARGES OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIRE-  
ARMS. REFUGEES APPARENTLY ARE SOME OF THOSE NOTED IN RETEL AS  
HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN ALLEGED SEIZURE BY FORCE OF BOATS WHICH  
LANDED IN MALAYSIA IN FEBRUARY. THE EVIDENTLY HAD WEAPONS WITH  
THEM WHEN THEY LANDED. (NOTE: ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IS  
CONSIDERED A VERY SERIOUS PUNISHABLE OFFENSE IN MALAYSIA.)

2. UNHCR REP HAS ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GOM MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTENDS TO CONTACT LAW MINISTRY EARLY NEXT WEEK  
TO DETERMINE FURTHER FACTS OF CASE AND TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION  
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SEEMS APPROPRIATE. HE HAS PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED.

3. TWO OF THE FIVE MEN CLAIM RELATIVES IN THE US, BUT WE  
HAVE NOT YET INTERVIEWED THEM. PENDING OIKCOME OF UNHCR-GOM  
DISCUSSIONS ON MATTER, WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY  
EFFORT TO DO SO OR TO BECOME OTHERWISE INVOLVED.  
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